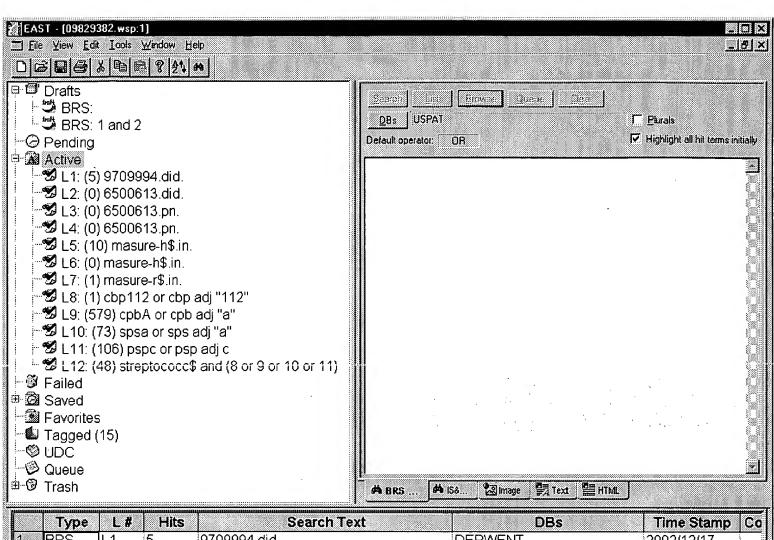
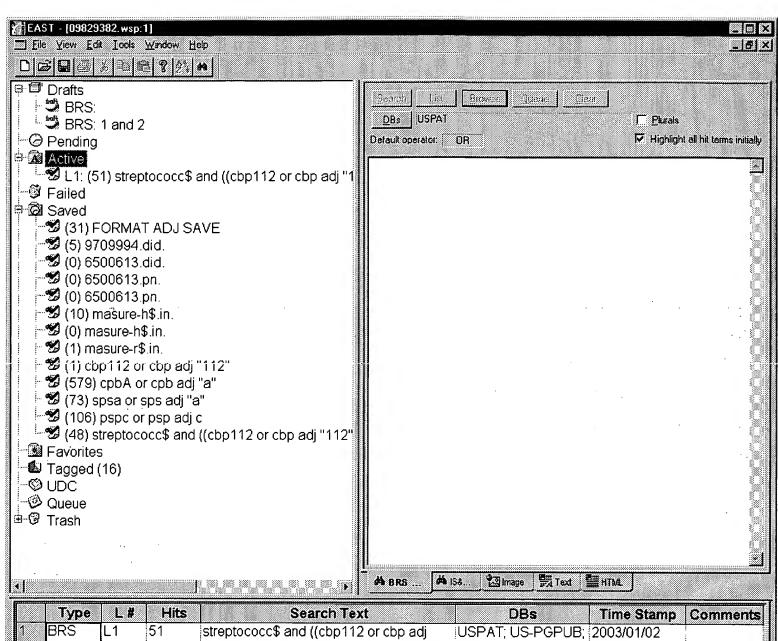
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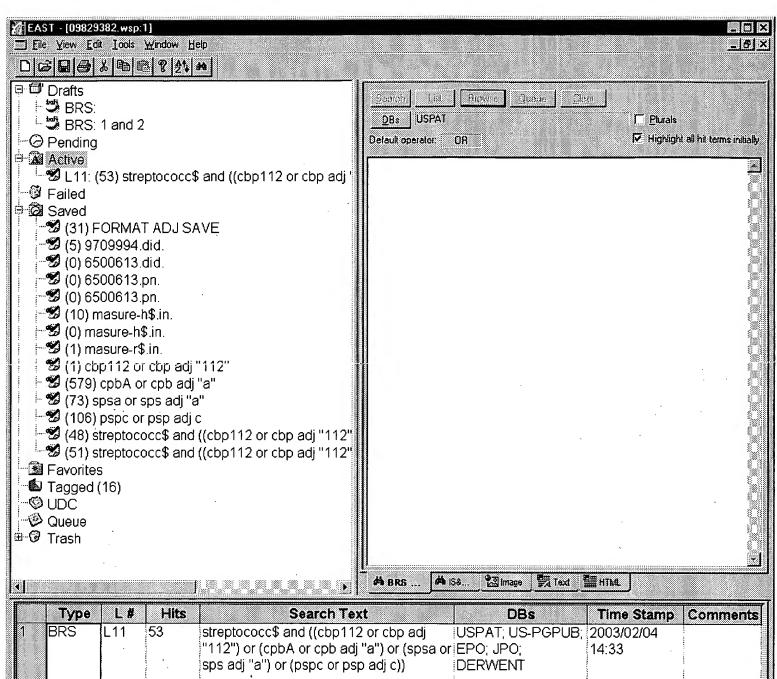


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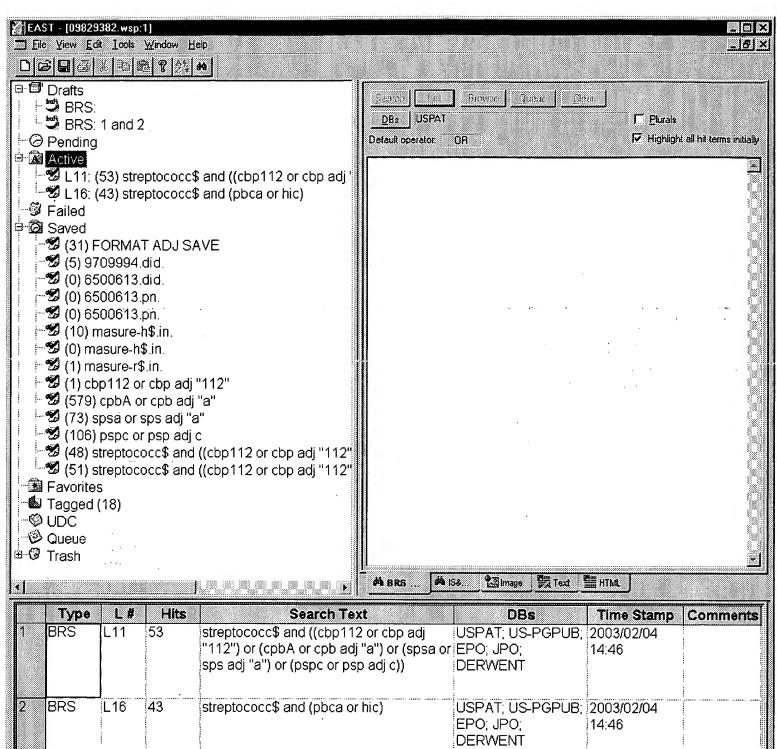
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SpsA, a novel pneumococcal surface protein with specific binding to secretory immunoglobulin A and secretory component.

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The interaction of pathogenic bacteria with host serum and matrix proteins is a common strategy to enhance their virulence. Streptococcus pneumoniae colonizes the human upper respiratory tract in healthy individuals and is also able to cause invasive diseases. Here, we describe a novel pneumococcal surface protein, SpsA, capable of binding specifically to human secretory immunoglobulin A (SIgA). The dissociation constant of SIGA binding to SpsA was $9.3 \times 10(-9)$ M. Free secretory component (SC) also binds to S. pneumoniae, whereas serum IgA does not, suggesting that pneumococcal binding to SIgA is mediated by the SC. To our knowledge, this is the first defined interaction of SC with a prokaryotic protein. The spsA gene encodes a polypeptide of 523 amino acids with a predicted molecular mass of 59 151 Da. The SIgA- or SC-binding domain is located in the N-terminal part of SpsA and exhibits no significant homology to any other proteins. The purified SIqA-binding domain of SpsA could completely inhibit the binding of SIgA to pneumococci. SpsA was expressed by 73% of the tested S. pneumoniae isolates and was substantially conserved between different serotypes. The interaction between S. pneumoniae and SC via SpsA represents a novel biological interaction that might increase virulence by the impairment of bacterial clearance.

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PspC, also called SpsA, CbpA, PbcA, and Hic, is a surface protein of studied for its antigenic properties, its Streptococcus pneumoniae capability to bind secretory IgA, C3 and complement factor H, and its activity as an adhesin. In this work we characterized the pspC locus of 43 pneumococcal strains by DNA sequencing of PCR fragments. Using PCR primers designed on two unrelated open reading frames, flanking the pspC locus, it was possible to amplify the pspC locus of each of the 43 strains of S. pneumoniae. In 37 out of 43 strains there was a single copy of the pspC gene, while two tandem copies of pspC were found in the other six strains. The sequence of the pspC locus was different in each of the 43 strains. Insertion sequences were found in the pspC locus of 11 out of 43 strains. Analysis of the deduced amino acid sequence of the PspC variants showed a common organization of the molecules: (i) a 37 amino acid leader peptide which is conserved in all proteins, (ii) an N-terminal portion which is essentially alpha-helical, and is the result of assembly of eight major sequence blocks, (iii) a proline-rich region, and (iv) a C-terminal anchor responsible for the cell surface attachment. By sequence comparison we identified 11 major groups of PspC proteins. Proteins within one group displayed only minor variations of the amino acid sequence. An unexpected finding was that PspC variants could differ in the anchor sequence. While 32 of the PspC proteins displayed the typical choline binding domain of pneumococcal surface proteins, 17 other PspCs showed the LPXTG motif, which is typical of surface proteins of other gram-positive bacteria. This major difference in the anchor region was also observed in the adjacent proline-rich regions which differed considerably in size and composition.

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